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IN REPLY REFER TO:

June 3, 2003

Sean F. Craven  
Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc.  
1280 Business Park Drive  
Traverse City, MI 49686-8607

Re: Endangered Species List Request, Proposed Road Reconstruction, Project No. 2003112.01, Hurds Corner between Frankford and Deckerville Roads, Wells and Ellington Townships, Tuscola County, Michigan

Dear Mr. Craven:

Thank you for your May 20, 2003 request for information on endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species and critical habitat which may be present within the proposed project area. Your request and this response are made pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (the Act), as amended, (87 Stat. 884, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Based on information presently available, there are no endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species, or critical habitat occurring within the proposed project area. This presently precludes the need for further action on this project as required under Section 7 of the Act.

We advise, however, that should a species become officially listed or proposed before completion of this project, the Federal action agency for the work would be required to reevaluate its responsibilities under the Act. Further, should new information become available that indicates listed or proposed species may be present and/or affected, consultation should be initiated with this office.

Since threatened and endangered species data is continually updated, new information pertaining to this project may become available which may modify these recommendations. Therefore, we recommend your agency annually request updates to this list.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments. Please refer any questions directly to Tameka Dandridge of this office at (517) 351-8315 or the above address.

Sincerely,



Craig A. Czamecki  
Field Supervisor

cc: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, Lansing, MI  
(Attn: Lori Sargent)



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June 23, 2003

Mr. Sean Craven  
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**RE: Hurds Corner Reconstruction between Frankford and Deckerville Roads**

Dear Mr. Craven:

The location of the proposed project was checked against known localities for rare species and unique natural features, which are recorded in a statewide database. This continuously updated database is a comprehensive source of existing data on Michigan's endangered, threatened, or otherwise significant plant and animal species, natural plant communities, and other natural features. Records in the database indicate that a qualified observer has documented the presence of special natural features at a site. The absence of records in the database for a particular site may mean that the site has not been surveyed. Records are not always up-to-date, and may require verification. In some cases, the only way to obtain a definitive statement on the status of natural features is to have a competent biologist perform a complete field survey.

Under Act 451 of 1994, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Part 365, Endangered Species Protection, "a person shall not take, possess, transport, ...fish, plants, and wildlife indigenous to the state and determined to be endangered or threatened," unless first receiving an Endangered Species Permit from the Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division. *Responsibility to protect endangered and threatened species is not limited to the list below. Other species may be present that have not been recorded in the database.*

The presence of threatened or endangered species does not preclude activities or development, but may require alterations in the project plan. Special concern species are not protected under endangered species legislation, but recommendations regarding their protection may be provided. Protection of special concern species will help prevent them from declining to the point of being listed as threatened or endangered in the future.

If the project is located on or adjacent to wetlands, inland lakes, or streams, additional permits may be required. Contact the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Geological and Land Management Division, P.O. Box 30473, Lansing, MI 48909 (517-241-1515) for wetlands permits. Contact the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Water Division for inland lakes and streams permits (517-241-1300).

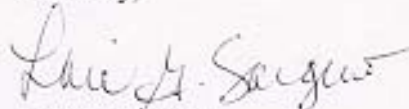
The following is a summary of the results for the project in Tuscola County, T12N R10E sections 3, 4, 10; T13N R10E sections 33, 34:

The project should have no impact on rare or unique natural features at the location specified above if it proceeds according to the plans provided. Please contact me for an evaluation if the project plans are changed.



Thank you in advance for your coordination in addressing the protection of Michigan's natural resource heritage. Responses and correspondence can be sent to: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division – Natural Heritage Program, PO Box 30180, Lansing, MI 48909. If you have further questions, please call me at 517-373-1263.

Sincerely,



Lori G. Sargent  
Endangered Species Specialist  
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